

March 3, 2020

Columbia River and Tributary Fishery Reports

Updates: Mainstem and tributary:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Columbia River Mainstem

Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice: Mainstem Columbia River waters downstream of the Warrior Rock line are closed to salmon, steelhead and shad fishing.

Warrior Rock line upstream to Bonneville Dam: Effective March 1 through March 31, 2020 open 7 days per week. Closed April 1, 2020. Starting April 2, 2020 until further notice open 3 days per week; Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open for boat and bank fishing from the Warrior Rock line upstream to the Beacon Rock line, plus bank angling only from the Beacon Rock line upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline. Release all wild Chinook, coho and steelhead.

Bonneville Dam upstream to Hwy. 730 at the Washington/Oregon Border: Effective April 1 through May 5, 2020 open 7 days per week. Open to bank angling only from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Tower Island power lines (except for those waters closed under permanent regulations). Only hand-cast lines may be used. Open for boat and bank angling from the Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to the Oregon/Washington border. Release all wild Chinook, coho and steelhead.

McNary Dam upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA: Effective through March 31, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of steelhead.

Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA upstream to Old Hanford townsite powerline crossing: Effective through April 15, 2020: Closed to angling for and retention of steelhead.

Salmon/Steelhead

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Cowlitz River: Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth upstream to Forest Road 1270, the Cispus River, and Lake Scanewa: Closed to salmon retention. Until further notice, the closed waters section below the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery Barrier Dam is 400', at the posted markers.

Kalama River: Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to 1,000 feet below the fishway at the upper salmon hatchery: The daily salmon limit is 6 fish, of which only 1 may be an adult. Release all salmon other than hatchery chinook and hatchery coho.

Lewis River: Effective March 1, 2020 until further notice, from the mouth to Merwin dam: Closed to salmon retention.

Sturgeon:

From the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to John Day Dam including adjacent tributaries — Effective until further notice: White Sturgeon is open for catch-and-release fishing only. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam including adjacent tributaries — Effective until further notice: White Sturgeon open for retention fishing until annual quota is met. Minimum size 43" fork length, maximum size 54" fork length. Daily limit 1. Catch-and-release allowed when closed to retention. Fishing for sturgeon at night is closed.

Fishery Reports:

Salmon/Steelhead:

Mainstem Lower Columbia River

Sec 4 (Vancouver) – Two bank anglers had no catch.

Sec 5 (Woodland) – Nine bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/2 rods had no catch.

Sec 6 (Kalama) – Two bank anglers had no catch. 2 boats/7 rods had no catch.

Sec 7 (Cowlitz) – 1 boat/3 rods had no catch.

Sec 8 (Longview) – Four bank anglers had no catch. 1 boat/3 rods had no catch.

Salmon/Steelhead:

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Grays River – 10 bank anglers had no catch. 4 boats/12 rods released three steelhead.

Elochoman River – 15 bank anglers kept one steelhead and released six steelhead. 3 boats/9 rods released five steelhead.

Cowlitz River – I-5 Br downstream – 49 bank rods kept four steelhead.

Cowlitz River above the I-5 Br – 56 bank rods kept four steelhead and released five steelhead. 82 boats/264 rods kept 150 steelhead and released 14 steelhead.

Tacoma Power employees recovered 169 winter-run steelhead adults during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week, Tacoma Power released ten winter-run steelhead adults into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton and they released 34 winter-run steelhead adults into Lake Scanewa in Randle.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 9,420 cubic feet per second on Monday, March 2, 2020. Water visibility is 4 feet and the water temperature is 42.8 F.

Salmon/Steelhead:

John Day Pool – 6 bank anglers had no catch.

Sturgeon:

John Day Pool – 17 bank anglers released two sublegal sturgeon. 25 boats/65 rods kept two legal sturgeon and released 14 sublegal sturgeon.

Walleye:

John Day Pool – 33 boats/69 rods kept 62 walleye and released 22 walleye.

Bass:

John Day Pool – Anglers are catching a few bass.

Catchable Trout Plants:

| <u>Lake/Pond</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Species</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Fish/lb</u> | <u>Hatchery</u> |
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| Battle Ground LK (CLARK) | Feb 18, 2020 | Rainbow | 1,700 | 2.30 | Vancouver |
| Kliline PD (CLARK) | Feb 18, 2020 | Rainbow | 2,300 | 2.30 | Vancouver |